

DECORATION DAY MAY 30, 1869

In the Memorial Day parade the children of the National Soldiers' Orphanage, with banners representing the states having dead buried in the National Cemetery, the girls wearing blue dresses with white sashes, and each carrying a bouquet; the boys in dress uniform, were sixth in line of march.

Before the main address the children of the Homestead were given flowers which they strew on the soldiers' graves in the National Cemetery.

At the conclusion of the principal address by Prof. H. Louis Baugher, the Orphans then passed into Evergreen Cemetery, and deposited floral offerings on the graves of the Union soldiers buried there.

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REMEMBER THE ORPHANS

It is to be hoped that the friends of the soldiers' Orphans will not forget to furnish them with a supply of small fancy articles, to dispose of during the approaching Dedication of the Soldiers' Monument next week. Materials for the Orphans themselves to make up, will be thankfully received at the Homestead by Mrs. Hilton.

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FLAG PRESENTATION

Quite a pleasant incident occurred at the Soldiers' Orphans' Homestead, on the 1st instant, at the close of the Dedication ceremonies. Through the agency of Mrs. Lida McCauly, of Baltimore, a beautiful silk flag, with appropriate designs, and mounted on a handsome flag staff, had

been prepared as a present to the Homestead, and the management of the Institution awaiting themselves of a friendly visit from Major General Meade, Gov. Geary, and other distinguished personages, determined on a formal presentation of the flag, which was done in a neat speech by J. M. Holland, Esq., of Baltimore. Maj. Gen. Meade received the flag in behalf of the Institution, and after acknowledging the kindness of the donors addressed some pleasant words to the children of the Homestead-- the boys being drawn up in line in their military uniform, and the girls in holiday dress. At the conclusion of Gen. Meade's remarks, the boys gave three hearty cheers for Gov. Geary, who gracefully acknowledged the compliment in pertinent remarks to the Orphans and the Utica Veteran *LOUAVES* *Youaves*, the latter having also stopped at the Homestead. The *Youaves* gave three hearty cheers for Maj.-Gen. Meade, three for Gov. Geary, and three for the Orphans' Homestead. The ceremony was all the more pleasant because entirely impromptu, and was witnessed by quite a number of citizens, many of whom availed themselves of the kind invitation of the officers of the institution to pass through the buildings and grounds.

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#### NATIONAL ORPHANS' HOMESTEAD

A copy of "The Homestead Journal," being No. 6 of Vol. 1, has been laid on our table. It is a neatly printed 12 page octavo, printed in Phila., and issued in the interest of the National Orphans' Homestead at Gettysburg. The number before as contains biographical sketches of the children at the Homestead. The new building at the Homestead is completed, and the institution is free from debt. The contributions to the erections of the buildings and the support of the orphans have come namely from Sabbath schools, over 700 of them on 18 states, being share-holders. From the start in 1866, there has not occurred a single case of protracted sickness although the orphans number over 100.

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